



STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant: **Schlumberger Technology Corporation**

Application No.: 10/709 250

Docket No.: 22.1537

Entitled: Method and Apparatus for Reducing Pressure in a Perforating Gun

Schlumberger Technology Corporation, a corporation, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel: _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above to current assignee as shown below:

1. From: _____ To: _____
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2. From: _____ To: _____
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3. From: _____ To: _____
The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee

Date: 4/23/04

Signature: _____

Jeffrey E. Griffin
Intellectual Property Counsel

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, **Brenden M. Grove**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4932 Falls Circle, Missouri City, Texas 77459; **Lawrence A. Behrmann**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 12442 Shadycrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77082; **Ian C. Walton**, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at 703 Johnson Lane, Sugar Land, Texas 77479; **Philip Kneisl**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 3714 Crescent Drive, Pearland, Texas 77584; and **Andrew T. Werner**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 237 Pilcik Road, East Bernard, Texas 77435 hereinafter referred to as the "Inventors", have made inventions and improvements in: **Method and Apparatus for Reducing Pressure in a Perforating Gun** which are the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 23, 2004, Serial Number 10/709250, (Docket No. 22.1537), hereinafter referred to as the "Invention(s)".

AND WHEREAS, SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as "said COMPANY", a corporation duly organized, incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having a place of business at 300 Schlumberger, Sugar Land, Texas 77478 is desirous of acquiring or confirming its acquisition of the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention(s), and in and to said application, and in and to any and all patents, both of the United States and of all foreign countries, that may be obtained therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that we the Inventors, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby acknowledge, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by this assignment do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to the Invention(s), described or set forth in said application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to said application, and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty; and in and to any confirmation, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or substitute application which may be filed on the Invention(s) in the United States or in any foreign country; and in and to any and all patents, certificates, utility models, reissues, extensions, additions or confirmations thereof which may be granted in the United States or in any foreign country upon the Invention(s).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such United States and foreign patents and grants may be issued on the Invention(s).

AND we do hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all of said United States and foreign patents on said application or applications to said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said COMPANY, its successors and assigns.

AND we do hereby covenant and warrant that we have full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned free and clear of all licenses, encumbrances and liens whatsoever, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instruments in conflict herewith.

AND we, for the conditions aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, that we, our executors, administrators, or other personal representatives, shall and will do all lawful acts and things, make all rightful oaths, and make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing, and any and all further applications, papers, powers, affidavits, assignments, disclaimers and other documents, which in the opinion of counsel for said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary in this or in any foreign country more effectually to secure and vest in said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention(s), and any related application or applications, patents, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, confirmed, transferred and conveyed.

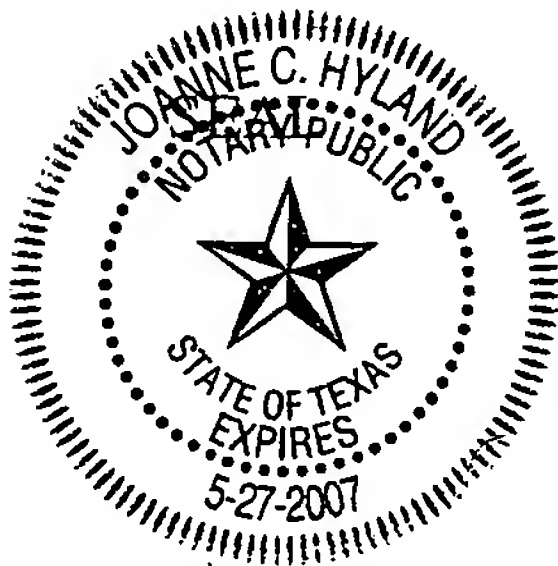
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, **Brenden M. Grove**, have hereunto set my hand and seal this


4-15, 2004.


Brenden M. Grove

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BEFORE ME, this April 15, 2004 personally appeared **Brenden M. Grove**, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

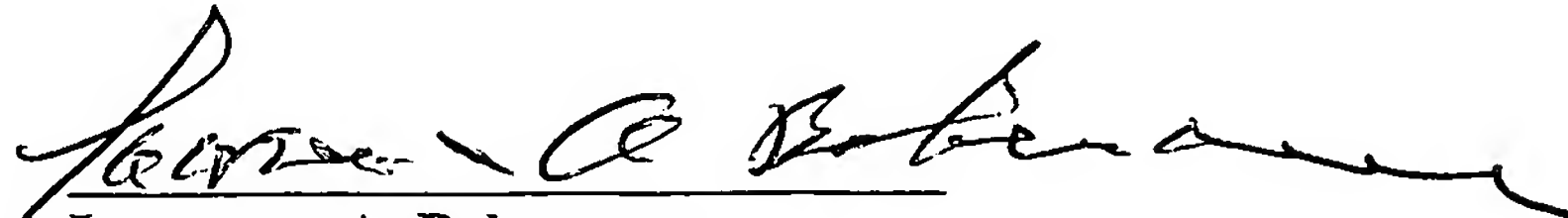



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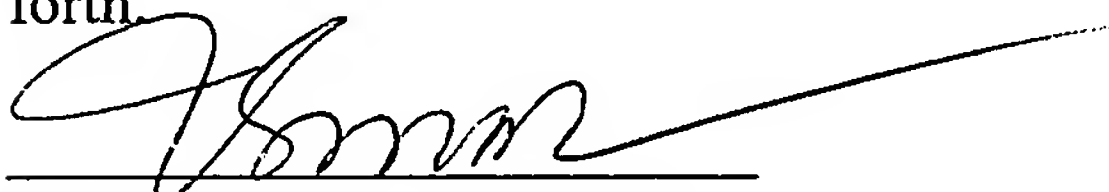
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, **Lawrence A. Behrmann**, have hereunto set my hand and seal this

16 April, 2004


Lawrence A. Behrmann

WITNESSED:

BE IT KNOWN that **Lawrence A. Behrmann** is to me known to be the individual described in the foregoing assignment, that on this 16 day of April, 2004, I was personally present and did see him sign and execute the foregoing assignment and that he did acknowledge to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



Witness Mai Pham

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District 1, Ho Chi Minh City
S. R. Vietnam
Post Office Address



Witness Nguyen Huu Ngu

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2 Ngo Duc Ke Str
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Viet Nam

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, **Ian C. Walton**, have hereunto set my hand and seal this

April 16, 2004.

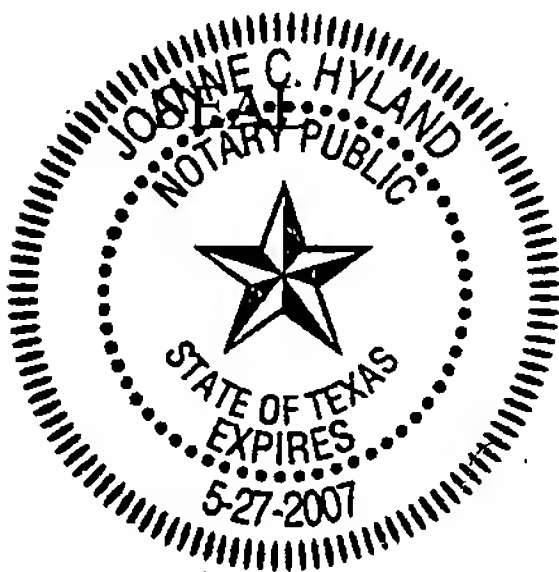


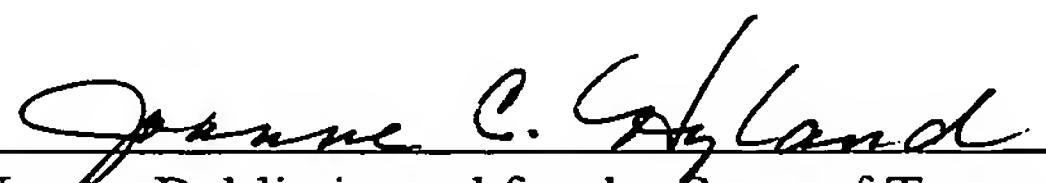
Ian C. Walton

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BEFORE ME, this April 16, 2004 personally appeared **Ian C. Walton**, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

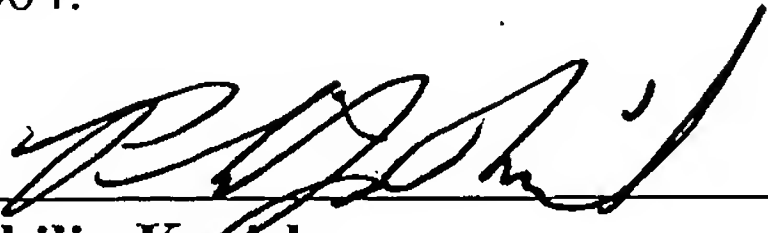




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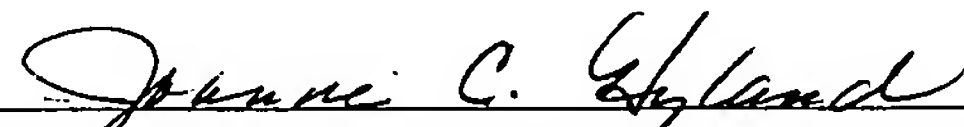
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, **Philip Kneisl**, have hereunto set my hand and seal this
15 APRIL, 2004.

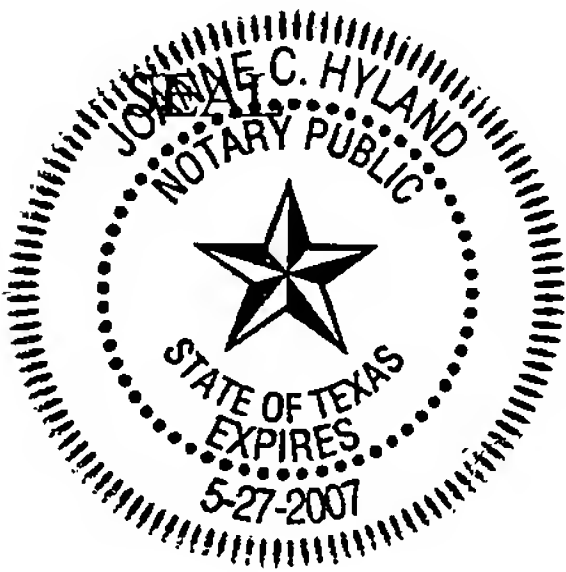

Philip Kneisl

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BEFORE ME, this April 15, 2004 personally appeared **Philip Kneisl**, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.


Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 5/27/07



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, **Andrew T. Werner**, have hereunto set my hand and seal this
April 14, 2004.

Andrew T. Werner
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BEFORE ME, this April 14, 2004 personally appeared **Andrew T. Werner**, to
me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment
instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose
therein expressed.

Joanne C. Hyland
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 5/27/07

